

Grayson College Distinguished Lecture Series

Insights into the Great War, 1914-1918

April 12th, 2018 @ 6:30PM

CWL Auditorium

Presenters

Dr. Scott W. Palmer

Professor and Chair of Department of History
University of Texas-Arlington

Topic: The Great War's Forgotten Fronts: Russia, 1914-1917

A specialist in the history of late Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union, Dr. Palmer earned his B.A. in History and Slavic Languages & Literatures from the University of Kansas (1989) and his Ph.D. in History at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (1997). He is author of *Dictatorship of the Air: Aviation Culture and the Fate of Modern Russia* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) as well as numerous scholarly articles and essays. His current book-length project, *How Russia was Made: Technology and Culture from the Icon to the iMac*, examines the foreign origins and domestic transformation of major technological systems from the founding of the Kievan state through the opening decades of the twenty-first century.

Dr. Palmer has taught a wide variety of courses during his career including undergraduate surveys on Western Civilization, modern America, and technology and science in world history. His upper-level offerings have included courses on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Europe; US military history; the Great War; the history of flight culture; the history of video games; and, of course, Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union. At the graduate level he has directed seminars on "Russia's Great War and Revolutions," "The Twentieth-Century Built Environment," and "Culture, Society, and the Technological Imagination." He welcomes the opportunity to direct Ph.D. and M.A. students interested in Russian history, military history, the history of technology and science, and aviation history/airpower doctrine.

Dr. Pawel Goral

Professor of Government
Grayson College

Topic: Colonel Edward House, the Wilson Administration, and Foreign Policy during World War I

A specialist in the history of the Cold War, Dr. Goral holds a B.A. (2004), M.A. (2007), and Ph.D. (2012) in history from the University of Texas-Arlington. He is the author of *Cold War Rivalry and Perception of the American West: Why Westerners and Easterners Played Cowboys and Indians* (2014), which examines the influence of American popular culture upon Western and Eastern Europe during the height of the Cold War. He is also the author of a book chapter entitled "No Whiskey, a Liter of Vodka and a Pickle Instead," within *Currents of Transatlantic History: Encounters, Commodities, Identities* (2017). Currently, Dr. Goral is a Professor of Government at Grayson College.

Jennifer R. Bridges

Professor of History

Grayson College

Topic: *Texas Women during the Great War*

A specialist in late nineteenth, early twentieth century gender history, Prof. Bridges holds a B.A. in sociology from Texas A&M University (2004), a M.A. in English from National University (2008), and a M.A. in history from the University of North Texas (2011). Currently, she is an ABD doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas and a Professor of History at Grayson College. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles in such notable academic journals as the *East Texas Historical Journal* and the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. In addition to her publications, Mrs. Bridges has presented her research at over fifteen historical conferences. She has been a professor of history since 2012 and has been with Grayson College beginning in 2015.

Schedule of Events

5:00PM – Dinner at **Library Grille or 691 Restaurant** with Grayson College Board Members, President, Vice-President of Instruction, Dean of Academic Instruction, Executive Director of Grayson College Foundation, sponsors of the event, and faculty of the history department.

6:30PM – Introductions by Dr. Matt K. Hamilton

6:45PM – Presentation by Dr. Pawel Goral

7:00PM – Presentation by Jennifer Bridges

7:15PM – Presentation by Dr. Scott W. Palmer

8:15PM – Question and answer session